

HK&HDCA Council Meeting
Monday 22 March 2010

Meeting commenced 7.35 pm

Attendees: M Rushton, B McDonald (Life Member), J Brown, D Bennett, B Gussey (Executive Officer), N Tilbury, G Hasler, B Wood, S Moore (Umpires), S Sweeney (Kissing Point), B Dewstow, C Riddett, J Chenu (St Ives), S Wilson, J Mitchell (WPHC), S Arthur (ARL), W Jackson, P Chensee (WPHC), B Kimberley, C Ball (Thornleigh), G Findlay (Beecroft), C Roden-Smith (Kissing Point), J McQuillan (Umpires), C Griffin, J Corish (Normanhurst-Warrawee) and S Burrows (Hornsby).

Apologies: D Toose, M Dolly (Redfield), and Alf James OAM.

Mark Rushton welcomed all Life Members, ladies and club representatives to the meeting.

Minutes of last Council meeting

Steve Wilson moved that the minutes of 1 March 2010 be accepted, seconded by Patrick Chensee. Motion carried.

Business arising from last meeting

- Creation of the representative data base of coaches including qualifications remains ongoing.
- Subcommittee regarding junior development is ongoing.
- Completion of questionnaire to Steve Wilson. Covered in senior report.
- Kookaburra Ball invoices to be addressed next week by Mark Rushton.
- Uniformity of ground closures. Is an ongoing investigation.
- Report on Colts competition is an ongoing issue and will be completed post season.
- Identification of a new Auditor remains outstanding.
- Clarification of the junior 12th/13th man rule in finals series will be addressed in the off season.
- The conflict of users at Montview Oval has been investigated. HSC have advised that they had no other users booked on the ground. Appears it was just a social group using the ground. Need to challenge people more or if necessary call the Council Ranger if circumstances such as this are encountered.
- Meeting of Presidents to discuss any potential rule changes has been organised for 3 May 2010 at Austen Hughes Club House (Waitara Oval).

There was discussion regarding how many trophies had been returned to date and how they would be delivered to the grounds for presentation after the finals this weekend. Ben Gussey will deliver all the trophies he has. Bruce Wood advised that there was an umpires meeting on Wednesday and if Ben could get the trophies to that meeting it would assist with the distribution.

Ben Gussey will also resend the email concerning missing trophies again to see if any more can be located.

Correspondence

Incoming

- 16/3/10 – DSR regarding sport and recreation seminars

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- 19/3/10 – St Ives Cricket Club lodging protest over round 14

decision to only award 6 points.

- 22/3/10 – Hills Shire Council confirming booking of Les Shore 1 for 18 April.
- 22/3/10 – Matthew Burgin player report on C3 player from Normanhurst-Warrawee.

Outgoing

- 3/3/10 – Steve Mulally regarding 50 year service recognition.
- 17/3/10 – Steve Mulally regarding guest speaker request
- 22/3/10 – Asquith Boys high School regarding booking of hall.

Treasurers report – No report

See presidents report for financial details

Juniors report

Bruce announced the premiers for 2009/2010.

- U16 – WPHC White
- U15 – Berowra
- U14 – WPHC Blue
- U13 – WPHC Green
- U12 – Normanhurst-Warrawee
- U11 – Kissing Point Red

Bruce Kimberley moved a motion that the premiers be accepted by Council, seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion accepted.

Seniors report

Grand Finals

- Matches and Grounds have been allocated and will put up on MyCricket for all grades tomorrow. Details of grounds and umpires are in the umpires report.
- I will send out the rules applicable for the GFs ASAP including confirmation of grounds, matches, times and special rules tomorrow.

John Hayne Cup - Congratulations are extended to the CHRSL A grade team who have won the 2010 John Hayne Cup narrowly from Pymble B2s. Both teams went through the competition undefeated and were separated by only 4 points.

Final points were:

CHRSL A1 - 117, Pymble B2 - 113, Berowra A1 - 109, Kissing Pt C2 – 69, Hornsby A1 - 56, Mt Colah B2 - 53, Berowra C2 - 39, WPHC Colts - 0.

Unfortunately, the WPHC Colts team withdrew from the competition very late causing a Bye and the lack of use of a booked ground.

Questionnaire - I have now processed over 100 responses so far and still have more to do which is terrific. My thanks go to all cricketers who completed this as some of the suggestions received, including the negative ones,



have been very good. The AC will be working on this to hopefully bring in further improvements, revising the senior rules (including covers) and doing the ratings ASAP after the season is completed.

My Cricket & Awards/Statistics

A REQUEST - COULD ALL TEAMS PLEASE HAVE THEIR MYCRICKET DETAILS COMPLETED IN FULL BY 31ST MARCH to ensure we get the right people winning the Association's awards. Failure to have this done, may mean your players are ineligible. It's not hard – please get all details including the semi-finals and finals results in full into MyCricket as soon as your team has completed their season to ensure no-one from your club misses out on well deserved trophies.

Also, failure to complete your teams/clubs statistics **in full** will mean ratings for your players will **not be released** until done so for next season, so again, the sooner you complete this task, the sooner you will have your ratings for next season allowing you to plan for next season. Thanks.

Forfeits - Two teams have forfeited matches (one mid match) since the past meeting and it is recommended that the CHRSL club (B2s) and WPHC club (Hayne Cup) be fined \$200.00 each in accordance with the senior competition rules for forfeiting matches.

The AC are also aware of a C3 game where a team “walked off” the ground for “unspecified reasons” and wanted to keep things “left on the ground”. Whilst understanding this approach, our approach is that the clubs/teams involved who have been notified, should give an account of the situation to the council meeting after this report where a decision is made as to the relevant course of action that should be taken, if any.

Club Championship - We had a change of format for the Club Championship this season and a new winner! Congratulations go to the Asquith Rugby League Club who have won this prestigious award and will take ownership of this trophy for the next 12 months (if WPHC can find the key and dismantle it from their trophy cabinet).

Final points were ARL 28.29, Berowra 22.68, WPHC 22.26, St Ives 21.74, Kenthurst 21.73, Normanhurst-Warrawee 20.68, Hornsby 18.35, CHRSL 15.61 and Mt Colah 14.87.

Undoubtedly ARL going through the season in A grade undefeated contributed hugely to their winning of this major trophy, but I'm not sure we have got it right when a club makes the semis in every grade and runs 3rd! Another little job for us in the off-season but no-one can begrudge the title going to ARL on the basis of the achievements of their champion A Grade team. Well done ARL!

General

Finally, I'd just like to thank Bruce Wood and all the umpires who did such a good job in the semis and thank all those persons who are umpiring this weekend. It's often a thankless task but it is critical and is most appreciated. I ask all players to remember that these guys are giving up their weekend so we can have games of cricket run in an orderly manner and with as little controversy as possible. Thanks again guys.

To our cricketers, win or lose on the weekend, if you're playing on the last day of the season, you have had a terrific season. Congratulations on your efforts and best of luck to all teams in all grades.

Motion to accept the seniors report, including recommendations for fines, moved by Geoff Hasler, seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.



Additionally Steve Wilson was also requested to advise David Toose of any previous fines applied for forfeits so David could ensure that the relevant clubs had been invoiced.

Representative report

The first trials for the U14, U15 and U16 have been held with approximately 120 players attending the SCG nets.

The second trial for U14's is on 18 April at Les Shore 1. The u15 and U16 second trials will be held at Les Shore 1 on 9 May and 16 May respectively.

HK&HDCUA (Umpires) Report

Senior semi-finals – 13 & 20 March – The senior semis were completed last Saturday and HKHDCUA was able to appoint 22 umpires (one for each semi, except two for A Grade). The players in most of the teams contesting the semis appreciated having an independent umpire so I would like to thank our regular panel as well as the recruits from the various clubs who enabled us to cover every match. There was at least one case of abuse of an umpire and this matter will be the subject of formal charges of misconduct.

Bruce reminded the club delegates that exactly 12 months ago, two Grand Finals were marred by disgusting behaviour and acts of serious dissent by a few players, resulting in citings to the D & D Panel and lengthy suspensions. He put the clubs on notice that similar strong action will be taken by the appointed umpires if there is any repeat of such behaviour, which brings the game into disrepute.



Senior Finals – 27/28 March – The HK&HDCA President, Mark Rushton, announced the following umpiring appointments for the Senior Finals:

Grade	Teams	Oval	Umpires
A	ARL (1) v. WPHC (3)	Berowra	Simon Moore / Bruce Wood
Colts	N'hurst-W'wee (1) v. Berowra (2)	Parklands	Geoff Hasler / Ian Paterson
A2	Kenthurst (1) v. WPHC (3)	Kenthurst	Barry McDonald / Steve Wilson
B	Kissing Point (1) v. Berowra (3)	Storey	Mark Rushton / John McQuillan
B2	WPHC (1) v. Berowra (3)	Turrumurra	Brad Cole / John Acheson
C	Hornsby (1) v. CHRSL (3)	Glade	Richard Eslick / Tim Davidson
C2	Berowra (1) v. Mt Colah (2)	Mt Ku-ring-gai	Alex Terry / Graeme Terry
C3	WPH Blue (2) v. Mt Colah (4)	Normanhurst	Daniel Younan / Murray Macdonald
D	WPHC Red (2) v. Hornsby (4)	Headen	Ian Lewis / Gary Barton
D2	Kenthurst (1) v. N'hurst-W'wee (2)	Les Shore 1	Peter Schouten / Scott Burrows

Ratification of the umpire's appointments was proposed by Steve Wilson, seconded by Col Griffin. Appointments were ratified by Council

Umpires' Secretary role – Mark Rushton advised that he had reluctantly accepted the resignation of Bruce Wood from the position of Umpires' Secretary, effective of the end of the current 2009-10 season, for personal reasons. Bruce has efficiently performed the duties of Umpires' Secretary for 3 years and has made a major contribution to the Association over the past 13 years in various administrative, executive, coaching, website and umpiring roles. Mark wished him well in his future endeavors. Bruce confirmed that he intends to continue umpiring some HK&HDCA club & rep. matches in future, however on a reduced scale.

Executive Officers report

Website Report

- Apologies for the website being down last week – our last update had bad coding and it was subsequently deleted, so there is no Walter Wilson Report for the first week of the semi-final.
- Unfortunately, MyCricket cannot currently be customised to use google adsense. I have emailed them and they are looking in to its addition for the future.
- I implore all captains to finalise their statistics as soon as possible so that the Annual Report and awards can be finalised.

Grounds Report

- Unfortunately, we've had some issues with grounds being covered early. We will continue to iron out any issues with Council for next year.
- Les Shore 1 has been booked for U/14 Representative Trials. Originally we had three trials scheduled for April 18th but grounds are hard to secure in the winter, so we have decided to hold them over three weeks.



I would like to congratulate Bruce Wood who was inducted as a Life Member at the Barker Cricket annual presentation. In addition, Barker has in part rewarded the hard work Bruce has put in by signing off on our Watson & Weblin Shield teams being based exclusively on Barker Oval No. 1 for next season.

Comment was also made that we may lose Hassell Park for all of the 2012/13 season.

Geoff Hasler has agreed to organise the off season storage of the covers used at The Glade. **Col Griffin advised that Kenthurst may be able to assist and store them at Kenthurst. Geoff to follow up.**

There was a lot of discussion regarding loss of grounds and grounds being covered early by Councils. This is an extreme source of frustration for everyone. We take all possible steps to avoid these issues by contacting Councils to advise of our ground booking requirements. This includes the normal season hire requests plus additional requests for grounds required at the end of the season outside of the Councils normal season hire range. Unfortunately we do still get some issues but will continue to work closely with the Councils to try and ensure that issues do not occur.

Other

- The Junior & Representative Presentation night is being held on April 30th at Asquith Boys High School. All invites will be sent out by Friday. We have also sent a request for a guest speaker to Cricket NSW.
- A Presidents Forum will be held. We've set the date for May 3rd, with the likely venue to be the Austen Hughes Clubhouse at Waitara Oval. Any agenda items should be emailed to the Executive Officer.

President's report

Financial Report (in lieu of the Honorary Treasurer):

- **Auditor** - We are still asking for Expressions of Interest for a replacement Auditor. Please liaise directly with David Toose (Honorary Treasurer) if you have the necessary skills and available time.
- **Account Balances (Westpac):**

Type	Acct #	Date	Balance	Comments
Community Solutions Cheque Acct	28-3378	22/03/10	\$76,218.39*	
Westpac Business Flexi	48-0810	22/03/10	\$77,312.57**	Interest Paid \$67.44: 26/02/10
Westpac Business Flexi	48-0802	26/02/10	\$23,526.33	Interest Paid \$7.53: 26/02/10
Classic Plus Account	54-6725	26/02/10	\$7,420.97	
Term Deposit	27-9360	22/03/10	\$53,209.97***	

Footnotes:

- * Acct # 28-3378 includes recent bank fees;
- ** Acct # 48-0810 includes recent deposits;
- *** Acct # 27-9360 is Fixed Term rolled over 3 monthly to best interest earning option.

Incoming Payments:

Details	Amount	Comments

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Northern District CC	\$228.00	Sponsorship – Umpires’ Match Fees (Ross Turner Cup)
BJ and MA Kimberley	\$28.90*	Telephone reimbursement – 2 x “one off adjustment charges”

Footnote:

* Cheque payment received at end of Council Meeting.

• **Outgoing payments:**

Details	Date	Amount	Comments
Telstra	Billing Period to 28 Feb 2010	\$134.08	Junior Comp Sec Phone / Internet
All Seasons Trophies	March 2010	TBA	See “C Grade Trophy” notes below.
Royal Rehabilitation Foundation	March 2010	\$500.00	Plus the proceeds from the fundraising activities held at the Ross Turner / Glenn Hourigan Cups. See notes below.

Motion to approve Telstra and All Seasons trophy payments moved by Barry McDonald, seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the payment to Royal Rehabilitation Foundation moved by Mark Rushton, seconded by Bruce Wood. Motion carried

Kookaburra Balls - Please accept my sincere apology as I have not yet finalised these – no excuses apart from being too busy with other Association matters. For those clubs who ordered through the Association, royalties will be made available at our next Council Meeting (29th March 2010).

Ross Turner Cup Game – Sun 14 March 2010 - The day went well with the West team winning comfortably. Many Life Members, Club Presidents, Ross Turner, Nick Berman (Mayor HSC / Patron), Judy Hopwood (Local MP), NDCC Officials and other HK&HDCA Officials all attended throughout the day. Steve Loccisano (ARL A Grade Captain) bowled the first ball of the match. Tom Richmond needs to be thanked for his efforts in organising the match whilst Warren Jackson assisted Tom on the day with the ground management. Denise Annetts (Patron) also needs to be thanked for her efforts behind the scenes. Proceeds from the BBQ and “Summer Saturday” sales have been raised in support of the Royal Rehabilitation Foundation (Sydney).

Glenn Hourigan Cup Game – Sun 14 March 2010 - This match also went well with the West team snaring a narrow win late in the day. Glenn Hourigan and other Life Members and Association Officials helped out on the day. Marisa Levitt needs to be thanked for her management with the lead-up to the game and also her efforts on the day. Ross Anderson (Life Member) also needs to be thanked for his efforts behind the scenes. Proceeds from the BBQ and “Summer Saturday” sales have been raised in support of the Royal Rehabilitation Foundation (Sydney).

Hornsby Theatre Cup – C Grade - Kenthurst CC needs to be thanked for returning this 80-year old trophy after a fair bit of searching. Ben Gussey (Executive Officer) did well with his super-sleuth activities behind the scenes to track this valuable trophy down. Upon return it was found to have not been engraved since the 1998/99 season with no space available on the trophy. Hence, the trophy has been sent to All Seasons Trophies to have an additional bottom wooden base fitted which will allow the insertion of many engraved Premiers for years to come.



A Grade Semi-final (ARL CC vs Kenthurst CC) - Both teams involved in this semi-final need to be congratulated on a very close and exciting game which went down to the last few balls of the game to determine the winner (ARL). I was fortunate to be able to attend the ground and watch the final 90 minutes of an exciting and pulsating game, which no doubt all players, spectators and the officiating umpires enjoyed immensely. Congratulations to all the players for the way they conducted themselves and the spirit in which they played such an important match. It was a wonderful spectacle!

Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney - As the state's premier rehabilitation and disability facility, the Royal Rehabilitation Centre at Ryde, has provided quality rehabilitation programs for over one hundred years. Royal Rehab offers specialist rehabilitation and disability programs for adults who have sustained spinal cord injury, brain injury, burns, stroke, cancer, age related illness and multi trauma accidents. The Royal Rehabilitation Foundation supports the work of the Royal Rehabilitation Centre. Money received by the organisation is directly invested in the provision and improvement of rehabilitation services for people with complex and chronic care needs.

May I suggest the HK&HDCA support this not for profit Foundation with an amount of \$500.00 (plus the proceeds from the fundraising activities held at the Ross Turner / Glenn Hourigan Cups) to be donated directly for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for either the spinal unit (Moorong) or the brain injury unit.

Motion regarding approval of this payment is included in the outgoing payments section of the minutes.

North Sydney Sport & Recreation Reference Group - : Northern Sydney Region of Councils (NSROC) Regional Sportsgrounds Infrastructure Management Strategy.

The aim of the project is to develop a Regional Sports ground Strategy to improve coordination of community sports ground management across NSROC to maximise participation opportunities and deliver community health and amenity benefits.

There are two key outcomes from the strategy:

- the establishment of principles for future community sports ground development across the region; and
- the determination of a regional upgrade and infrastructure development program - to facilitate regional bids for funding for sports grounds and negotiation with other sports ground providers.

The project will focus on sports grounds and key sports competing for these spaces such as soccer, rugby, cricket, hockey and AFL and netball. Passive park recreation, walking and bike paths and aquatic facilities are not considered within the project scope.

The Draft paper has been sent to Executive Members and Life members for comments / feedback.

Old Mans Valley Master plan – Deliberative Workshop (Sunday 14th March 2010) - I attended on the day in my capacity as Chairperson of the HSC Sports Council. Approximately 60 people were in attendance comprising: 20 local residents (randomly selected); 20 representative of community user groups (sports and others) and 20 attendees' from previously held Public Forums. In summary, HSC Councillors' have determined a mandate for the site to have at least one sports field. Following lengthy consultation, discussion and a site visit on the day Option 2 (one large sports field – astro-turf wicket) was considered to be the better option with many community user groups needs to be considered in the final planning. An Infrastructure Levy (approx \$60.00-\$70.00 p.a. for 20 years) will be recommended. Please refer to the website for additional information.

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- Report on C3 Normanhurst-Warrawee player received from Matthew Burgin was discussed. **Motion to refer the matter to D&D was moved by Geoff Hasler, seconded by Simon Moore. Motion carried.**
- St Ives protest regarding points awarded to them following issue in Round 14 was discussed. **Motion to refer the issue for discussion at the Presidents meeting in May moved by Mark Rushton, seconded by Geoff Hasler. Motion carried.**
- It was noted that there had been an issue at Berowra Oval the previous week to which police had been called. It involved a member of the public encroaching on the oval during play and threats that he had made. This is a police matter. Mark Rushton to liaise directly with Hornsby Council.
- **A motion to fine clubs in future seasons for the non return of trophies was moved. The fine to be a minimum of \$250.00 but the actual amount levied would be at the discretion of the Executive depending upon the actual trophy that required replacement. Motion moved by Mark Rushton, seconded by Col Griffin. Motion carried**

Meeting closed 8.35 pm.

Next meeting 29 March 2010 at Asquith Bowling Club 7.30 pm.

Action Items

Action	By whom	Due
Create data base of rep coaches including qualifications	Mark Rushton/Warren Jackson	Ongoing
Subcommittee for junior development to report to next Council meeting	Mark Rushton, Bruce Kimberley and Nathan Tilbury	Ongoing (off-season)
Uniformity of ground closures	AC	Ongoing (off-season)
Report on Colts competition	Nathan Tilbury	Ongoing
Advise David Toose of any possible auditors	All	ASAP
Junior 12 th / 13 th man rule as it applies to finals	Bruce Kimberley	Off-season
Storage of covers from The Glade	Geoff Hasler	End of season
Advise David Toose of previous fines levied on clubs	Steve Wilson	ASAP